UNDP aided programmes in rural sector

1767. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any approval has been granted to the national programmes of various States under the United Nations Development Programme in the rural sector;

(b) if so, the details of the programmes aided by the UNDP, State-wise, especially in Bihar and Maharashtra; and

(c) the amount provided for the same by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) and (b) As per the information provided by United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the following projects are implemented in Rural Sector aided by UNDP:

Project	States	Implementing Agency
Capacity Building of Elected Women Representatives and Functionaries of Panchayati Raj Institutions	Bihar, Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh Haryana, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand.	Government of India (Ministry of Panchayati Raj).
Social Mobilization Around Natural Resource Management For Poverty Alleviation	Rajasthan, Orissa, and Jharkhand	Government of India (Ministry of Rural Development)
"Support to Operationalisation of the National Rural Employment Guarantee Act."	All States except Goa and Union Territories.	Government of India (Ministry of Rural Development)

(c) Government of India does not provide funds for the above projects.

Fluorosis due to ground water pollution in NE

1768. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number and details of States in the North Eastern Region of the country affected by fluorosis due to ground water pollution, particularly in Assam;